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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HAUCK ET AL.

Examiner

Min Jung

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5,6 and 8-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5,6,8,15-24 and 35-45 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,9-14 and 25-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 2, 3, and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 2 and 3, it is not clear what is meant by the "symbol generated by a border node" because the specification teaches that the border node converts the request, but does not perform symbol generation. See [0091].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

4. Claims 2, 3, 9-14, 25-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks patentable utility.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 9-14, and 25-34, the recited "data" stored in the computer readable storage medium is no more than an abstract idea. There is nothing done really with the data to produce a useful, tangible and concrete result. Therefore, there is no practical application of the idea.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 2, 3, and 9-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stone et al., US 6,519,657 (Stone).

Stone discloses a method and device for identifying an active 1394a node attached to a 1394b network.

Regarding claims 2, 3, and 9-14, Stone teaches indicating that a device from a legacy cloud wishes to arbitrate within a beta cloud (col. 6, lines 12-13, and col. 9, lines 2-67). Stone fails to specifically teach that the border node generates a symbol comprising the indication. The generation of the symbol as taught in the present specification is not a generation but actually a conversion of the arbitration request into a "Legacy request" to indicate to the B PHYs (1394b node) of the request from a legacy node. Stone teaches that when a 1394a node wishes to arbitrate, it issues its request signal as per the 1394a standard. The border node then broadcasts that request into the 1394b network. Stone is silent on generation of or conversion into a legacy request. However, for the border node to successfully relay the arbitration request from a legacy node to the beta cloud, it would have to be in a form understood in the beta cloud.

Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of

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the invention to include an indication that a legacy node wishes to arbitrate within the beta cloud since even the request itself indicates that the legacy node wishes to arbitrate.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 5, 6, 8, 15-24, 35-45 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to all claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Min Jung whose telephone number is 571-272-3127.


The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wellington Chin can be reached on 571-272-3134. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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May 9, 2007


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